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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT FOR 1976
AND PROSPECTS FOR US-TURKISH DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT
(DCA)

1. TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL CALLED ON ASST SECY HARTMAN
JULY 21 TO ASCERTAIN STATUS OF PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION
(PD) REQUIRED UNDER ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT FOR 1976 FOR
FMS SALES TO TURKEY. ESENBEL REITERATED EARLIER EXPRESSIONS
OF CONCERN ABOUT DEADLINES AND ASKED IF AN ADDITIONAL 30-
DAY WAITING PERIOD FOR CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW WOULD BE
REQUIRED FOR SIGNIFICANT ITEMS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT SUCH
AS F-4S, BEYOND THE 30 DAYS REQUIRED FOR CONGRESSIONAL
REVIEW OF THE PD. ESENBEL INFORMED HARTMAN THAT TURKISH
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GOVERNMENT (GOT) DESIRED ENTIRE \$125 MILLION FMS AUTHORI-

ZATION FOR FY 1976 AND TRANSITION QUARTER TO BE FINANCED BY FMS CREDIT. GOT ALSO WANTED LONGEST POSSIBLE REPAYMENT TERMS WITH LOWEST POSSIBLE INTEREST AS IN 1972 FINANCING OF F-4 SALE.

2. HARTMAN NOTED THAT WE WERE WORKING TO COMPLETE DRAFT PD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE AGREED TO LOOK INTO THE QUESTION OF 30-DAY REVIEW PERIODS REQUIRED BY THE ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT BUT BELIEVED ONLY ONE 30-DAY PERIOD WAS REQUIRED. (WE WERE LATER ABLE TO CONFIRM TO THE TURKISH EMBASSY THAT ONE

30-DAY PERIOD RUNNING FROM DATE PD REPORTED TO CONGRESS WOULD MEET ALL CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW REQUIREMENTS.) HARTMAN REVIEWED CURRENT FMS GUARANTEED LOAN PRACTICE REGARDING INTEREST RATES AT COST OF MONEY TO USG PLUS SMALL SERVICE CHARGE, NOTING TURKS HAD SIMILAR BRIEFING DURING DCA NEGOTIATIONS. (SEE STATE 28072, 5 FEB 76.)

3. ESENBEL THEN REPORTED CONVERSATIONS HE HAD WITH CONGRESSMEN MORGAN AND HAMILTON REGARDING PROSPECTS FOR DCA. MORGAN INDICATED THAT STAFFDEL BRADY WOULD PROBABLY BE SENT ON FACT-FINDING TRIP TO TURKEY FOR HIRC DURING REPUBLICAN CONVENTION SO THAT COMMITTEE HEARINGS COULD BEGIN AS EARLY AS AUGUST 23. MORGAN, AWARE OF TURKISH CONCERN REGARDING DELAY IN ACTION ON DCA, TOLD ESENBEL HE STILL THOUGHT ACTION ON THE DCA COULD BE COMPLETED BY OCTOBER 1. HAMILTON TOLD ESENBEL THAT HE DETECTED NO DESIRE IN CONGRESS TO BLOCK TURKISH DCA BUT THAT CONGRESS PREFERRED TO HAVE THE GREEK DCA READY FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION.

4. ESENBEL THEN REITERATED HIS VIEW THAT GREEKS WERE FOOTDRAGGING IN THEIR DCA NEGOTIATIONS. HARTMAN EXPLAINED THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE GREEK AND TURKISH NEGOTIATIONS, IN THAT GREEK NEGOTIATIONS INVOLVED COMPLETION OF ALL ANNEXES IN DETAIL. HE REPORTED PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN THE WASHINGTON ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS THE PAST WEEK AND A NEW ROUND WAS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK IN ATHENS. ESENBEL NOTED THAT HAMILTON HAD TOLD HIM THAT IF DEPARTMENT OF STATE TOLD CONGRESS GREEKS WERE DELIBER-CONFIDENTIAL

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ATELY DELAYING, CONGRESS WOULD MOVE QUICKLY ON TURKISH DCA. HARTMAN RESPONDED THAT WE HAVE NOT REACHED THAT CONCLUSION REGARDING GREEK MOTIVES, BUT IF WE DID, WE WOULD LET CONGRESS KNOW. ROBINSON

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